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1. Equipment for Hungarian Technical Troops.

- a. The machinery for Hungarian technical troops ("Gépszázadok") is to be improved and modernized in order to accelerate the construction of concrete works, firing emplacements, etc.
- b. In this connection the materials section of the Hungarian Ministry of Defense has ordered 600 electric Danek type hammers from Czechoslovakia for Hungarian pioneer troops. The equipment, which was scheduled for delivery at the end of January 1952, is operated by an electric generator and several hammers can be attached simultaneously. If it is a success, the hammer will be produced by the Vörös Csillag Factory (formerly Hofner and Schrantz), in its new minor machinery section which started production in summer 1952.

2. Explosion in the Danube Tunnel, Budapest

On 27 November 1952, an explosion occurred in the tunnel under the Danube, forming part of the subway construction scheme¹ in Budapest. Six men were killed and workmen, who were employed on Batthányi Square at the time and heard the explosion, were warned to keep silent. No mention of this explosion has been made in the Hungarian press.

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